## Letter of Invitation

We invite you, on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture and Ag Canada, to join us for the "Great Plains Windbreak Renovation and Innovation Conference". This is a focused learning and sharing opportunity initiated by the agroforestry centers of our two national agriculture departments and developed with state and provincial partners and other conservation organizations. The conference theme is one that is timely and important. Land managers and conservation organizations on the Great Plains in both countries strive to manage the agricultural landscape in a way that is productive and profitable while conserving the natural resources on which agriculture depends. Because windbreaks have been a part of this landscape for over a century, knowledge about the management of existing windbreaks and the development and design of new ones is important from Texas to Alberta. We therefore invite you to join us in July at the Canada/US International Peace Garden for this opportunity to share your own experiences and to learn from others. There is no registration fee however, pre-registration is required. The registration form and other information can be found at www.unl.edu/nac/renovation.htm

Sincerely,

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